

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to read in U.S. claim format. Claims 19 and 32 have been canceled.

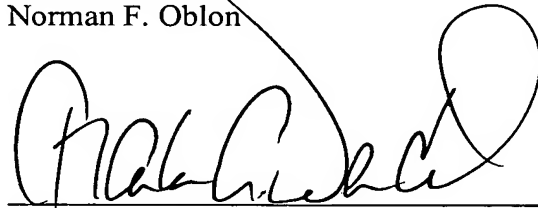
An early examination of Claims 1-18, 20-31 and 33-40 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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